

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, April 06, 2015****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 P. Edwin Russ  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**  
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the April 06, 2015 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner James E. Prevatte.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following listed minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

- A. March 09, 2015 Joint Meeting with Columbus County Schools;
- B. March 10, 2015 Joint Meeting with Whiteville City Schools;
- C. March 16, 2015 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes; **and**
- D. March 17, 2015 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees.

**AGENDA ADD-ON:**

Our attorney has requested that we add a Closed Session to the Agenda in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjust the Agenda by adding Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, as Agenda Item #16E, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

**Reverend Johnny Moore, 255 Peach Street:** stated the following:

1. I have been here once before around February 02, 2015, to talk to the Commissioners about a road;
2. I am here inquiring about the road to see how long it will take because I have not heard anything; **and**
3. The cars are getting messed up and all, and I am here to see how long it will take for the grant to get approved.

Discussion was conducted relative to locating funds for this and at this time, no funds have been located.

**Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - The WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION:**

Selena Rowell requested Board approval and adoption of the following The Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

**THE WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD  
PROCLAMATION  
by the COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Partnership for Children (Smart Start) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating *The Week of the Young Child*, April 12 through April 18, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Columbus County, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Columbus County, North Carolina deserve thanks and recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Whiteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 12 through April 18, 2015, as *The Week of the Young Child* in Columbus County, and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in our community.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Week of the Young Child Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: FIRE and RESCUE - OLD DOCK / CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and AUXILIARY:**

Chief Edwin Ezzell requested a Public Hearing be set on May 18, 2015 for the purpose to extend fire service and insurance district. (A time needs to be set.)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a public hearing on May 18, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., for Old Dock/Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - REQUEST for BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Edward E. Davis, Soil and Water Director, requested a Beaver Management Program Workshop be set for April 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to set a Beaver Management Program Workshop for May 04, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: M.I.S. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Alan James, M.I.S. Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. I have been working on a topic I discussed with you at my last departmental update;
2. We have been experiencing e-mail ups and downs;
3. I have been looking at having our e-mail hosted outside if it would be cost effective;
4. The cheapest hosting of e-mail that I found was \$2.00 per month, per user and the annual cost was \$15,000; **and**
5. We elected to keep our own e-mail in house and bought a new server for \$3,000, and we have to buy new software every year.

**Agenda Item #10: HEALTH - COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS:**

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, presented the following review of the 2015 County Health Rankings.

1. The bad news is, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we are still number one hundred (100) out of the one hundred (100) counties
2. The good news is, that in the health behaviors, which is your adult smoking, adult obesity, physical inactivity, access to exercise opportunities, excessive drinking, alcohol impaired driving deaths, sexually transmitted diseases and teen births, for the last three (3) years, we have started to trend up;
3. In 2013, we ranked 85, in 2014, we ranked 79 and this year, we ranked 67;
4. Physical environment is where they measure the air pollution and any water drinking violations, housing issues and they measure your work commute;
5. We have ranked, since 2014, 92 to 89; **and**
6. We are improving.

**Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - AUDIT CONTRACT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the Contract to Audit Accounts for fiscal year end June 30, 2015.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Contract to Audit Accounts for fiscal year end June 30, 2015, at the cost of twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$27,750.00) dollars, with Thompson, Price, Scott Adams and Company, PA, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and will be kept in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - AWARD of BANKING SERVICE:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested the award of banking service from the following Bank RFP Analyzation.

Bank	Earning Credits Rate used to offset fees	Interest Rate Offered	Service Fees	Safety Deposit Box	Purchasing Cards	On-Line Services	Remote Deposit
First Citizens	None	Based upon the rate at the Federal Reserve for the prior week-Current Rate is 0.12%	See Attached	Yes	Not at this time	Yes	Yes
BB&T*	0.50%	0..15%	Estimated \$4,832.91 t monthly, based upon volume-Offering Earned Credit Rate to offset some of the fees - Estimated fees per month would then be \$1,236.83	Yes	Yes - Rebate money .50% on spending per year	Yes	Yes

First Bank	1.00%	0.05%	Earned Credit Rate used to offset fees	Yes	1.25 reward points for every \$1 spent - no annual fee	Yes	Yes
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\*The interest rate offered is on a money market saving account.

After discussion was conducted, and based on the recommendation of Bobbie Faircloth, Commissioner Prevatte made a recommendation to award the banking service to BB&T, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: PROCLAMATION - SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2015 by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS:**

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2015 by the County of Columbus.

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2015  
by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2015 **“LITTER SWEEP”** roadside cleanup will take place **April 18 through May 02, 2015**, and we encourage local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Columbus County employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during **“LITTER SWEEP”** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2015 **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 26th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **“LITTER SWEEP”** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **April 18 through May 02, 2015**, as **“SPRING LITTER SWEEP”** time in Columbus County, the Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup Day be scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of April, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2015 by the County of Columbus, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COMBINATION MEETING of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:**

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II, and Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts III, IV and V.

**ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-6120-550010	Non-Capital Outlay	2,500
Revenues	10-3612-440040	BEMC Grant	2,500
Expenditures	10-5161-531100	Comm Disease Travel	167
Revenues	10-3510-430057	Communicable Disease State	167
Expenditures	10-5192-519000	BCCP Professional Services	2,550
Revenues	10-3510-430050	BCCP State Funding	2,550
Expenditures	10-5180-512100	Environmental Health Salaries	5,102
Revenues	10-3510-430060	Environmental State Funds	5,102

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$596.85
Clay, Melinda	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85900	Total:	\$829.81
Value: \$63,900.00	Year: 13-14	Account: 07-02131	Bill#: 99999
Release value of D/W. Repoed in 2013. Release Columbus Rescue(14.96)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$27.15
Freeman, Ernie D.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77141	Total:	\$245.15
Value: \$200.00	Year: 2014	Account: 14-05064	Bill#: 71499
Release S/W Sold to Merrell Freeman.			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,227.99
MCMullen Maria & Felix	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$3,722.45
Value: \$12,160.00	Year: 05-14	Account: 05-00931	Bill#: 99999
Release value of S/W. Never purchased this one S/W. Release North Whiteville(181.07) release Whiteville Rescue(30.94)			
release Water II (192.59) release late list (111.68)			
<i>Refund</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Taylor, Joyce L. c/o Col. County Tax Office	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13849	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 07-17883	Bill#: 99372
Refund user fee. M/H not set up.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Palm Rentals LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10541	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 06-00546	Bill#:	89216
Refund user fee. 1 rental vacant.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$24.95
Paul L Bullard	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29954	Total:	\$29.76
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 16-02263	Bill#:	62691
Refund portion of value on property overpaid. 1/2 owned by Ricky Bullard and he paid entire amount in lieu of 1/2. Refund			
Cerro Gordo Fire(3.10) refund Columbus Rescue(.62) refund Water District II (1.09)			
		Amount:	\$50.72
<i>Refunds</i>			
Phillips, John Wayne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18095	Total:	\$51.98
Value: \$6,300.00 Year: 2014	Account: 10-13440	Bill#:	89906
Refund value of 2009 Stingray. SC has proof of slip and taxes. Refund Columbus Rescue(1.26)			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Bordeaux, Willie J. & Joyce S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88154	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 01-01909	Bill#:	60945
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Jean V.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77550	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 11-04021	Bill#:	61984
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11/29/07			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Caines, Edgar D. (Jr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23750	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 13-06343	Bill#:	63504
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Duncan, John Farron & Patricia	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88365	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 07-03651	Bill#:	68433
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/11/06			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Dwayne L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 84001	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 16-00406	Bill#:	69384
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Dwayne L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17582	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 10-03233	Bill#:	69382
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Lawrence "Bill"	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18301	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 10-00358	Bill#:	69421
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Clifford	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28266	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 15-14621	Bill#:	71453
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Henry Wells & Ellease	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19100	Total:	\$212.68
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 11-01005	Bill#:	71538
Release user fee. Can picked up 11/18/11 Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
George, Sharon	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26522	Total:	\$654.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-14	Account: 14-03348	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Burned inside.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Danny Ferrell & Emory Diane	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6997	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 03-02009	Bill#:	73246
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Greater Morning Star Apostolic Church	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 18-03348	Bill#:	6217
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$135.00
Malpass, Olivia Ann	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$376.47
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 15-02966	Bill#:	83817
Release user fee. DBL. Act#15-01215. Release Acme Delco(20.12) release Columbus Rescue(3.35)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, John Phillip (II) & Carolyn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6202	Total:	\$393.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 01-02365	Bill#:	85745
Release user fee. 3 apartments vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Melvin, Terry Wayne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75413	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14	Account: 09-00227	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. D/W is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, W Morris	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21945	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 12-20460	Bill#:	87850
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, Claris G & Deborah Graham	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 1999	Total:	\$262.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 01-00361	Bill#:	88260
Release user fee. 2 dwellings vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, Sabrina E.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 13-01325	Bill#:	88426
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Debbie F.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83063	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 03-16981	Bill#:	88538
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/24/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Patrick Larry Ray (Sr) & Deborah Sue	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75699	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 04-00058	Bill#:	89499
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, Alaine Gore	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88252	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 16-03244	Bill#:	90484
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, Robert Lee (Jr) & Bonita	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 81376	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 15-30620	Bill#:	90796
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spaulding, John Henry (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27168	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 14-15600	Bill#:	97042
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Vaught, Ophelia (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18368	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 10-17520	Bill#:	1146
Release user fee. Vacant per Town of Fair Bluff.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Justin c/o Bennie Charles Wiliams	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 09-03706	Bill#:	4207
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

**Agenda Item #16: COMMENTS:**

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Amon McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. Danny, how many projects do we have going on at this time?;  
**Danny Fowler:** Two (2), the Hallsboro Project and the Prison Camp Road Project;
  - b. Do you have any proposals or petitions?  
**Danny Fowler:** I have got several areas where they have petitioned if they can find the money We have several areas with enough people, but we don't have the money.
  - c. We do have a priority list (Southwood, Silverspoon Road and Ice Plant Road);
  - d. How is the Interconnect Project?  
**Danny Fowler:** It is coming along good, but we are not finished yet.
2. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** Congratulations to Shannon. Thank you and you are doing a good job.
3. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to congratulate Shannon; **and**
  - b. We need to decide on the chairs.
4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
  - a. Are there any vending areas in the new Courthouse?;
  - b. In the jury box, there are seventeen (17) seats on a twenty-six (26) foot bench, and that is not enough;
  - c. If the benches go all the way to the wall, there will be no standing room in the courthouse;
  - d. The helicopter is taking away from the two (2) EMS Transport Services;
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - a. We have an Air Link now that operates during bad weather; **and**
  - b. I think that Air Link is taking away from Columbus County and the reason some of the services are going out of business.  
**Kay Worley:** The helicopter serves Bladen and Columbus County.
6. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
  - a. I had a meeting of the Public Education Steering Committee on March 18, 2015;
  - b. Basically, we have six (6) legislative goals that pertain to public education;
  - c. At this meeting, we were addressed by Bill Colby, Chairman of the State Board of Education;
  - d. Due to the rural divide, we are a low tier county;
  - e. We have lost positions due to charter schools;
  - f. It was stated that we were getting twenty-seven (27%) percent of the lottery funds, and it turned out that we are only getting eighteen (18%);
  - g. As of 2014, Columbus County has received twenty-four (\$24M) million dollars of lottery funds;
  - h. The people have been deceived on the lottery funds, and need to view this brochure on lottery funds; **and**
  - I. We need to talk to our General Assembly representatives about the lottery funds.
7. **Chairman Burroughs:** I have received a letter bearing date of March 30, 2015, from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners stating they were returning some of the surplus money they had, and were sending one thousand, three hundred fifty-six and 00/100 (\$1,356.00) dollars to Columbus County.



8. **Commissioner McKenzie:** I have recently found out that the Chaplain position at the hospital has been cut out, and I would like to have someone to call the hospital and request to have this position reinstated.
9. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
- a. Some time back, we had no water in our district. What went on Danny?;  
**and**  
**Danny Fowler:** this happened due to not having a SCADA system.
  - b. Congratulations to Shannon.
- C. **County Manager (William Clark):** stated the following:
- a. Just a reminder that our Board Retreat is on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 8:30 A.M., at Southeastern Community College; **and**
  - b. If you have additional concerns about the historic courthouse, please notify me and I will discuss these concerns with the architect.

**AGENDA ADD-ON:**

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**E. CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

No official action taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:07 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *"The county attorney informed the Board of Commissioners the status of the pending lawsuit involving CAIA, R.J. Corman Railroad Company and Interstate Railroad Committee"*.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to give the County Attorney the authority to act or re-act to any legal action by the Carolina Southern Railroad, their lawyers, or others, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 06, 2015  
7:01 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Ricky Bullard, **Vice-Chairman**  
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Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting **(5 sets)**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 06, 2015  
7:01 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Ricky Bullard, **Vice-Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
P. Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 06, 2015  
7:01 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Ricky Bullard, **Vice-Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
P. Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 06, 2015  
7:01 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Ricky Bullard, **Vice-Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
P. Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, April 06, 2015**  
**7:01 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice-Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 P. Edwin Russ  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
 Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
 Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
 June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 16, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting **(5 sets)**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**